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# Turner Reported Shaking Up CIA

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CIA Director Stansfield Turner has forced the early retirement of his No. 1 deputy and is moving against some 20 top members of the agency's clandestine operations department, informed sources said today.

There was no official confirmation from the CIA itself.

The sources said that Adm. Turner, in what appeared to be a major reshuffle, had requested the resignation via early retirement of E. Henry (Hank) Knoche, his 52-year-old deputy, who only in January received President Carter's highest civilian award for distinguished civil service.

Knoche, a former navy veteran of World War II and Korea, joined the CIA in 1953 and was confirmed as deputy to CIA Director George Bush

June 30 of last year. Bush, an appointee of former President Gerald R. Ford, resigned after Carter was elected.

KNOCHE RAN the CIA as acting director in the interim before Turner took over in February.

The sources said Knoche has already tendered his resignation to Carter, a formality required since the post of deputy CIA director is by presidential nomination and also requires Senate approval.

The sources said that John McMahon, now in the administrative section of CIA but who also formerly was in the clandestine directorate, has been selected by Turner to replace Knoche.

The exact reasons for Knoche's forced early retirement were not clear but a pattern was evident in the

intended sweep by Turner of the Clandestine Operations Directorate.

He requested the early retirement of William Wells and Theodore Schakley, the two top men in the Deputy Directorate of Operations — the CIA branch that handles clandestine operations. Both are agency veterans and one unconfirmed report said they are resisting the pressure to retire.

In addition some 20 members of the directorate were in effect asked to resign via the early retirement route.

IF CONFIRMED, the scope of the move would be reminiscent of wholesale "early retirements" ordered by James R. Schlesinger when he served for a few months as CIA director in 1973 after Richard M. Helms was removed in the first wave

of exposures of questionable activities by the agency both at home and abroad.

Until Knoche is formally replaced, Turner will be without a chief deputy.

Adm. Daniel J. Murphy, who had been a deputy director since March 1976, was recently transferred to the Pentagon as staff adviser on intelligence to Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

Turner, a former Naval Academy classmate of Carter, insisted on and succeeded in retaining his admiral's rank when he accepted the President's nomination as intelligence chief.

Until the current changes Turner had moved cautiously in reorganizing the CIA.

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